

Mr. Bennett's publication, I propose to drop the name from my list until actual specimens exist to prove its presence here.

*Zizia aurea*, var. *obtusifolia*, Bissell. This form was discovered by Mr. C. H. Bissell in Salisbury, Connecticut, on June 18, 1900, and published in RHODORA, II, p. 225. The type specimen is deposited in the Gray Herbarium where I have examined it. It should be entered with a cross in my list.

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## A SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF NATIVE PLANTS.

IN Boston and its suburbs a number of persons who take a keen interest in wild flowers have united to form a "Society for the Protection of Native Plants." The object of this society is to check the wholesale destruction to which many of our native plants are exposed, — a destruction often a matter of pure thoughtlessness in the excessive picking of flowers, and unnecessary pulling of roots, or an extensive collecting of flowers and plants for sale.

It is the intention of the society to publish brief articles, or leaflets, calling the attention of thoughtful people to the matter, and to point out what plants especially need protection and in what way the desired end may be best affected. These leaflets will be distributed to teachers in our schools, to flower missions and village improvement societies, and in such other places as it may seem that they will be effective.

This movement for the protection of native plants has the approval of the New England Botanical Club, which, as a body, feels keenly the loss or great reduction of many plants once more or less abundant in the neighborhood of our large cities.

For information in regard to the Society for the Protection of Native Plants, or its leaflets, application may be made to

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